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Lieut. General James H. Doolittle
c/o Shell Oil Company
50 West 50th Street
New York City, New York

Dear General Doolittle:

I am establishing a Board of Consultants on the Central Intelligence Agency for the purpose of periodically providing me with an independent evaluation of the work of that organization. I would like to have you serve as a member of that board for a three-year term, commencing 1 January 1956. It is my desire that this board should meet not less often than once every six months to thoroughly analyze the work of the CIA. These sessions might involve meetings over a period of several days, during which time you would acquaint yourself with the progress of the organization. I am particularly interested in being advised as to the security, quality of training and personnel progress in research, effectiveness of projects, and general competence of the organization. You would have access to all of the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is my desire that the Board of Consultants report to me on a semiannual basis so that I may be assured of the continued success of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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